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SIR:

The Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement submitted herewith is being filed within three months of the filing date of the application or date of entry into the national stage of an international application or before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits, whichever occurs last. 37 CFR 1.97(b).

In accordance with the duty of disclosure, a completed Form PTO-1449 is enclosed. Consideration of each of the listed references by the Examiner is respectfully requested. Applicants also respectfully request that an initialed copy of Form PTO-1449 indicating such consideration be returned with the next Official Action, as set forth in MPEP 609.

Included in this disclosure are copies of fourteen non-English language patent documents. English-language abstracts are provided for EP 0 464 701 A2 (German), EP 0 718 250 A2 (French), EP 0 636 587 A2 (German), WO 91/14016 (German), WO 91/10564 (German), DE 42 11 363 A1 (German), DE 39 42 990 A1 (German), DE 39 06 374 A1 (German), EP 0 543 077

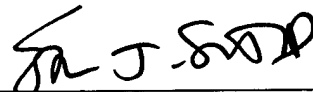
B1 (German) and JP 11157881 (Japanese). An English-language abstract is provided for DE 39 41 026 (German) together with U.S. Patent 5,153,054, which appears to correspond to DE 39 41 026. An English-language abstract is provided for CA 2,115,320 (French) together with US Patent 5,718,980, which claims priority from the same French application as CA 2,115,320. An English-language abstract is provided for EP 0 747 330 B1 (German) together with US Patent 5,962,115, which appears to correspond to EP 0 747 330 B1. An English-language abstract is provided for EP 0 303 109 B1 (German). With respect to DE 195 33 053 C1, there is provided an English-language abstract for EP 761618, which claims priority to DE 195 33 053 C1.

By submitting these references, applicants do not admit that the references are prior art to or material to this application, and reserve the right to establish that any reference is not prior art. Applicants do not represent that the references have been reviewed in detail; there may be details in the references of which applicants are unaware.

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